

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

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**For: MAGNETIC HEAD FOR PERPENDICULAR  
RECORDING**

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**Examiner  
Jefferson A. Evans**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 18, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on September 18, 2005, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for two months. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: